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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

MS/Amendment Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of July 23, 2004. The Claims begin on page 2, and the Remarks begin on page 5.